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CONYCATCHERS:

Wherein is fet downe

The Art of Humouring.
The Art of carrying Stones.
Will. St. Lift.
Ja. Fost. Law.
Ned Bro. Catch. and
Blacke Robins Kindnesse.

With the merry Conceits of Doctor Pinch-backe

Ten times more pleasant than any thing yet published of this matter.

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To all Gentlemen, Merchants, Apprentifes, Farmers, and plaine Countrimen, health.



ris most true, Gentlemen, and wosult experience daily teacheth vs, that the more carefull Princes are in creeting & establishing good lawes, for the rooting out of vice in the common wealth, the more repugnant (the deuill altogether predominant over them) doe quill

disposed persons, caterpillers, and the off-scum of the world fand therefore to be rejected and excommunicated from the fellowship of all honest men)oppose chemselues against God and good government, and in flead of an honeff and civill carriage (which the Law preicribes them) betake them to a most harefull, vicious, and derestable life : Who, as they may well be compared to vipers, most venomous and spightfull beafts, that for their venome and poison are hated & shunned of all men, as most prejudicial creatures; so these base people, not once thinking of an honest course of life, trusting vpon their owne mother wits, daily deuise new shifts and policies, to fleece the plaine dealing man, & by that meanes grow into more have amongst honest men, then doe the hated Iewes at this day : and the name of Conicarchers is so odious, that new adayes it is had vp, and vied for an opprobrious name for every one that sheweth the least occasion of deceir. The bookes that were not long agoe fet forth, concerning Conycatching and croffe biting, and the discouery of each (if any (parke of grace were) might have beene fo many reftraints and bridles to call them from that abominable life, but they that are ginen over to their owne hearts luft, with all their might inneigh both against them and their Author.

#### The Epistle Dedicatory.

I have therfore, Gentlemen, as one inforced (amore patrie) raken in hand to publish this little Pamphlet (which by a very friend came by a chance to my hands, & adding fomewhat of mine owne knowledge, and vpon very credible information) most necessary in my mindefor the good of the common wealth, both for all men to fee, what groffe villanies are now practifed in the bright Sunne-thine, that thereby they may be forewarned to take heed how they converse with fuch colening companions : as also a just checke and controll to fuch wicked livers, that they perceiving their goodnes fer abroch, may with remorfe & penitencie forfake their abominable course of life, and betake them to a more honest and civill behaujour. If any with the spider here seeke to sucke poison, let such a one take heed, left in practiling his villany he chance commence Bachelor in Whittington Colledge, and so in good time take his degrees and proceed Do-Stor, and thence with a folemne procession take possession of Doctor Stories cap ; to which some of the worshipfull company of Conicarchers have worthily hererofore attained.

In this Treatife (louing Countrimen) you shall see what thifts this crue of helhounds have put in practife fince the bookes of Conicarching came forth, under these names, viz. The Art of Humoring, The Art of carrying stones, W.St. Lift, In. Foft. Law, Ned Br. Catcb, and Blacke Robins kindne ffe : Wherein are manifested the nature of Hymorists, such as can infinuare themselves into every mans company, and as they fee him addicted, so will they verse vpon him, what policies they have to purloine goods out of thops vader the precence of plainnetle, what thifts they have to colon poore Alewines, by the Are of carrying flones, what inconvenience may come by following flattering flrumpers, I know net I what should be the cause why so innumerable harlors and Currizans abide about London, but because that good lawes are not looked varo : is there not one appointed for the apprehending of such hell-moths, that eat a man out of body and foule? And yet there be more notorious ftrumpets and their

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their mares about the Citie and the Suburbs, then ever were before the Marshall was appointed : idle mates I meane, that under the habit of a Gentleman or Seruing-man, thinke themselves free from the whip, although they can give no honest account of their life. I could wish, and so it is to be wished of every honest subject, that Amasis law were receiued, who ordained that every man at the yeeres end should giue an account to the Magistrate how he lived, and he that did not fo or could not make an account of an honest life, to be put to death as a felon, without favour or pardon: What then should become of a number of our vostare Gallanes, that live only by the sweat of other mens browes, and are the decay of the forwardest Gentlemen and best wits? Then should wee have fewer conicatching strumpers, who are the very causes of all the plagues that happen to this flourishing common wealth. They are the destruction of so many Genclemen in England, By them many Lordships come to ruine. What dangers grow by dallying with fuch vnchafte Libertines, and what inconvenience followes by their inordinate pleasures, let those that have had wofull experience and Mafter Surgeon together teftifie : nay, they not only indanger the body by loathforme dileafes, but ingrave a perpetuall shame in the forehead of the partie, and finally confirme his foule, and make him fit for the deuill,

To leave these base companions (that can by no wholesome counsell, nor aduised perswasions, be dislawaded from
their loathsome kinde of life, nor called to any honest course
of living) in the dregs of their dishonestie. Would it please
the honourable and worshipfull of the land to take order for
the cutting off of these coseners and consuming cankers of
this common wealth, they should not only cause a blessing
to be powred on this flourishing state, but have the prayers
of every good subject for their prosperous healths and welfare. And thus (Gentlemen) I conclude with this farewell:
God either convert or consound such base companions.

Tours to vie,



### W.W.W.W.W.W.W

#### To the Reader.

Se and perufe not with a curious eye, For Truth oft's blam'd, yet never telleth lie. I tell not I, what forraine men bane done, But follow that which others have begun. No learned Clerke in Schooles that vieto write, But Ennie makes their labour, some to frite. What then fall I, that write a bomely file, Thinke but to have a bomely fooffing fmile. But thefe and thefe that either mocke or fcorne, Would they might weare (faire fight) Acteons barnes. But you, kinde friends, that lone your countries wealth, Vouch of my paines, good fortune guide your bealth. To pleasure most, and profit all a my end, My greatest care to please both for and friend. Readethen, kinde friends, my tranell bere you have, I looks for nought, nought but your loves I crane.

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Dere have beine of late dayes published two werry and pithy Hamphlets of the Art of Conficutebing, wherein the Anthor hald fufficiently expressed his experience, as also his lone to his Countrey, Severtheless (with the Authors leave)

I will overloke some Law tearmes expected in the first part of Conteatching; indexenuto, as the Author latth, is mercuartly required these parties. The Seiter, the Verfer, and the Barnacle. Indied I have beard some extainers to this ancient trade dispute of his proceedings in this case, a by them in a full Sopnote of quart pats it was thorsely examined and concluded, that there were no furth names as he both set notine, nor any cheating Art so edithered as Conteatching. Party, in effect there is the like budger hand tradiquedaily bled and experienced among some seid start by Gallants dispert about the suburbs of Landon, who trainers him that draines the fifth the bait, the Beater, and not the Secret; the Cauerne where they goe, the Bull, and the sale so caught, the Bird As so Conteatching they cleane it Batsowing, the wine the Serap, and the carbs the Lanconing. Bats sat the compasting of a sumbcocke to worke on, and the sections the compasting of a sumbcocke to worke on, and the sections the half. The godale is be will be bealt by in. Rosping to the large of the last half as the last trainer, and the Barracle she ochouse. The last tender the Merchants, and the Barracle she ochouse.

in codem fubiello : pet 3 with, that as he bath lookes into thele micked actions opened therein, fo be bad alfo looked into other groffe finnes, which are frebed in the bearts of fundzie verfons. Extextion hab beine a large theame to bane maought boom: and with the blurers bagges full of gold he might bane bandled another pastis Ereatile : De might have brought forth Inflice weying bread, and the Baker putting his eares in the ballance to make even weight. De thould have perfonated the Thames mott pitte fully complaining, what monficous hanocke the Beeling ers make of her water, tolthout all remogle or compagi. on : another they put in millow leaves and brome bank into their weet in the ofhops. So likewife a Christian erhestation to mother Bunch would not baue done amiffe. that the found not mir lime with her Ale, to make it mightie, or coren the Dudines liege people of their brinke, by fubbing them off with thefe flender walles blacke pots and Cames, that will bold little moze then a Bering. A mofitable Treatife might baue alfo beine publifed foz fuch rompanions to locke into as for good fellowhip will nor flicke to lend tipe of thee falle gathes to defeat the twinbow and fatherlette of their right, though in fhoat fpace after they lofe their eares for their labour. A perfination against pribe had beine bery profitable : and an crhortatio on against fluearing bab beene a thing commendable, if he bavin a pleafant Ereatife thewed the folly of young pouthes and tols queanes , which entring into the feruice of fundite honest perfons, continue there no longer then they can cleanly conney fonte infficient cartain for their prefent mathtenance. Then but he bonte well, and peravious trucke given fuch light to fimore bones poatrolvels. that they would be carefull what perfons they had received

into their boules or put in traft about their bullac que.

There might have alto beene compiles a deterrable and pleasant Expatite of the about committee by such as fell bottle ale, tops to make it fly op to the top of the youle at

the first opening do put gumpaleder into the battles while the ale is now. Then by sopping it close, make the people believe it is the strength of the ale, swhen being truly after it is nothing indeed but the strength of the gumpaleder that imarketh the effect, to the great heartburning of the parties that drinke the same. I would have had him touch the contrarietie of apparel, a set downe reasons to distinct men from wearing french peakes, because they are good for nothing but to stab men, as also tald the vie of the terrible cut, and the Swallow tails facts.

Wo leane balliance and come to the matter. I will informe you what policies bane beene practiled fince the books of Conicatching were let forth. Thefe Batfomlera or Confeatchers having loft a collop of their lining, by communicating their fecrets with babling companions. have now invented a new tricke to fetch in the pence. They difquite themselues like Apparitors of Summers. and come to a young Centleman. Derchant, or old pinch. cruft, as it may fall out, that hath gotten a maid, a mans baughter, or this widdow or ordinarie woman with child, at leaft have beene more neere with them then they thould : and them they threaten with procedle, cita-tions, the whip, at the white theets at leaft, butill they come to composition. The timozous foules fearing to be made a by moid of theme to the tobale Citie, bribe them with all that ever they can ray and rend, to bein their peace, and lane their honefly. They will brac the Brittnesse of their eath, and the banger of the late in fuch cales of concealement, butill they can fee them come off roundly : then they will bamme and banke, and (ap they are not every bodie, andlo take their money, e returns lanabing in their fleene, to thinks bow they colened them.

Wilthin thost time after they fend another of their copelmates after the same fost, and be gives them the like plack. And so two os their one after the other, thall never tenue afflicting his ghost, till they have made him as have as a

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wiron taile. To as be bath not one penny moze to fatte bim from banging, if net were. A monttrous abute of author riffe, and hindrance to the Courts of Inflice, that have the overlight of fach offences.

Diter there be that one nothing but ride by and bowne the Country, like young merchants a wooing, & they will marry every moneth a new wife, and then fleece ber of all the bath t that bone, run away, and learne where another rich wroom dwelleth, and ferne ber after the fame fort : fo rounding Ongland, till they baue pickt by their crummes. and got enough to maintaine them all their life after.

But erceoing all thefe are the fine fleights of our 3ta. lian bumourists, who being men for all companies, will by once converting with a man to by ato him to them, that he thall thinke nothing in the world too beare too them, no, once be able to part them, butill they have frent all they

have on them.

Af be be lafcinioutly abbitted, they bane Arerines Ta bles af his angers ends, to fee him on with new kinde of Althineffe: they will come in with Rowfe the french painter, and theto tobat an unlatufull beine be bad in baudzie : not a whose nos a queme about the towne but they know, and can tell ber marks, and where, and with whom the hoffs.

If they fee you couctoully bent, they wil discourse wonbers of the Philosophers flone, and make you believe thep ran make gold of geofe-greate, only you must be at fome two or three bundred pound charge, of fuch a finall trifle, to helpe to let op their filles, and then you need not care where you beg your bread : for they will make you boe lit.

the better, if you follow their prefcriptions.

Difcouele with them of Countries, they will fet voit on are with tranelling : yea what plate is it they will not fiveare they have beene in, and I warrant you tell fuch a found tale, as If it were all Bolpell they fpake. Pot a co2 merin France but they can beforibe. Venice, why ! It is nothing. ndun

nothing, for they have intelligence of it enery hours, and at enery word will come in with Siado Curtizano, tell pour Inchmiracles of Madam Padrilia and Romana Impia, that pou will be mad till pou be out of England : and if be fee you are caught with this bait, he will make as though he will leave you, and faine buffnelle about the Court, 02 that fuch a Boble man fent foz bim, tuben von will rather confent to rob all pour friends then be feuered from him one boure. Af you request his company to tranell, he will fav. In faith I cannot tell. I bould fooner frend molife in your company, then in any mans in England. But at this time 3 am not lo pronibed of monpas 3 would, therefore 4 can make no promife : and if a man thould abuenture buon fuch a journey without money, it were miferable and bale, and no man will care for bs. Aut, money fay you (like a liberal young mafter) take no care for that. for 3 baue fo much land, and 3 will fell it, mp credit is tooth fo much, and I will ble it. Thave the keeping of a colens chamber of mine, which is an old Counfellour, and he this bacation time is gone botone into the Country, me will breake by his fludie, rifle his cheffs, dine into the bottome of his bans, but we will baue to ferue our turne : rather then faile me will fell his bookes, valone his bedaing and bangings, and make ribbance of all bis boufhold fruffe to fet be racking. Do this be liftens a little, and faith, Thefe are fome hopes pet, but if be foulb ave with von. and you have money, and he none, you will bomineere over him at your pleafure, and then he were well fet by to leane fuch poffibilities in Orgland, and be mabe a flaue in another Country. With that you offer to part balfes with bim. oz put all intohis cuffodie, befoze be fouto thinke you meant otherwife then well with him. De takes von at pour offer, and premifeth to bulband it fo for pou, that you thall fpend with the bell, and pet not wafte halfe fo much as vou boe. Which makes pou (meaning fimply) to put bim in truft, and gine bim the purfe. Then all a bone 15 3 boyage

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boyage into the law Countries you trubge, and fo trangle by into Italy, but per varies cafes, & sot diferimina rerun, in a towns of garifon be leanes you, runnes alway with your money, and makes you glad to betake your felfe to pronant and become a Gentleman of a company. If he feare you will make after himbe will change his name: and if there be any Gentleman or other in the countrey, he will borow his name and criepe into his kindred, or it shall cost him a fall, and make him pay swetty for it in the end, if he take not the better him. Thus will be be sure to have one Asse or other a sote to kiepe himselfe in pleasing.

There is no Arte but he will have a superficial fight into, and put bolone enery man with talks: and when he bath betred the most be can, make men belæne he knowes ten times moze then be will put into their heads, which are

fecrete not to be made common to every one.

De will perswade you be hath twenty receits of lone powders, that he can frame a ring with such a denice, that if a wench put it on her linger the thall not chose but follow

you by and botone the firets.

If you have an enemie that you would be faine rid of, he will teach you to poison him with your very lookes: to kand on the top of Poules with a burning glasse in your hand, and cast the same with such a soze on a mans face that walkes under, that it shall strike him starke bead, more violently then lightning.

To fill a letter full of næbles, which thall be laid after fuch a mathematical opper, that when be opens it, to whom it is fent, they thall fpring by and file into his bodie forcible. as if they had beene blowne by with aunpowher. 02

fent from a Caliners mouth like fmall foet.

To conclude, he will have such probable reasons to procure beliefe to his lies, such a smooth tongue to believe them, and set them sorth with such a grace, that he should be a very suite man did not smallow the Dudgin at his hands.

In this fort have I knowne fundry young Gentlemen of England trained forth to their owne destruction, which makes me the more willing to publish this discourse, the better to sorewarms other of such Bassowing companions; as also sore the roting out of these infimuating mouth-wormes that eat men out of their substance buseene, and are the decale of the sorwardest Gentlemen and best wits.

How many have wee about London, y to the digrace of Gentlemen line gentleman-like of themselves having neither mony not land, not any lawfull means to maintain them, some by play, and then they goe a mumming into the countrey all the Christmas time with false dice, or if there be any place where Gentlemen or merchants frequent in the Citie, or any towns corporate, thither will they, either disguised like to yong merchants, or substantial Citizens,

and brain them all brie that ener bealt with them.

There are fome that one nothing but walke by and bowne Paules, or come to thops to buy wares, with butgets of waitings bober their armes : and thefe will bage talke with any man about their futes in law and difcourfe buto them bow thefe and thefe mens bands they have for money, that are the chiefelt bealers in London, Borwich. Briffow, and furb likeplaces, and complaine that they can not get one pennie. Wilhy, if fuch a one both awe it you ( faith forme man that knotbes bim) 3 burd buy the bebt of vou. let me get it of bim as 3 can. D faith my bubgetman, Thaue his hand and feale to thew, looke bere elfe : and with that pluckes out a counterfeit band ( as all other his waitings are ) and reades it to him. Wibereupon for halfe in halfe they prefently compound, and after that bee bath thatten pounds paid him for bis band of twentie be. fibes the forfeiture, or fo forth, he faves, fatth thefe Lawpers brinke me as brie as a fine, and I have money to say at fuch a var, and 3 benbt 3 failingt be able to compaffe its bers are all the leafes and enthences of my land tying

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in fact a fire, I would you would leve me forty paunes on them till the next Aerms, or for some firmmeths, and then either it thall be repaid with interest, or I will forfeit my whole inheritance, which is better worth then an hun-

bred marks a peere.

The wealthy Retailer, Titizen, Perchant, Gentleman or young nouice that hath flore of crownes lying by him, greedy of luch a bargaine, thinking perhaps by one claule or other to befeat him of all he hath, lends him the money, and takes a faire flatinte merchant of his lands before a Judge, but when all comes to all, he bath no more land in England then seven foot in the Churchyard, neither is his inheritance either in Poss or Esse, then a paire of gallowes in a greene field, nor doe any such accupiers know him, much less owe him any money, whereby the covetons person is cheated forty or fifty pounds thick at one clap.

Part bulike to these are they, that comming to Depinaries about the Exchange where Perchants doe table so; the most part, will say they have two or their ships of coles late come from Newcastle, and wish they could light on a good chapman that would deale so; them all together. What is your price, saith one ? Withats your price, saith another? Deholds them at the first at a very high rate, and sets a good sace on it, as though he had such trassique indeed, but afterward comes bowne so low, that every man strines who shill give himearmest sins a feer he be aware, he hath sorty shillings clapt into his hand, to assure the bargaine to some one of them. De puts it by quietly, and bids them inquire so, him at such a signe and place, where he never came, signifying also his name, when in troth he is but a colening companion, and in such main to be sound. Thus goes hes cleare away with sorty shillings in his purse so, nothing, and they bulike ever to se him agains.

There is a certaine kinds of colonage called harferontering; which is when a many gives to the Carriers of Code a bridge, Oxford, Burious Norwick; is my given to tone of

trade, and hires a bapfe to rive bolone with them, as thefe abbe companions will bee: and what both me he, but as fone as he both him, keps alibe into some blinde tolune of ather, and there lies till be have enten him out him by him in wine and capons, and then whenhe can get no more on him, he sends the Carier word where he is, who in the end is faine to pay some lifty thillings or three points for his him all that hired him ere he can have him. No chaffer hack-upy-men doe know what belongs to this trade, for they have been often times flered by these renke rivers, who comming to a tolune with a cloke-bag of Kones caried after them, as if they were men of some worth, hire a horse to Canterburie, and rive quite alway with him.

There be certaine mates called I aunquelle, who if they can finde a fit Annill to firthe on, will learne what acquaintance he hath in the countrey, and then they will come to him, and fay, I am to doe commendations to you from a friend of yours, and he gave me this bottoed fir pence to drinke a quart of wine with your for his fake: and if he goe to the tauerne, they will not onely make him way for the

wine, but for all be brinks in befibes.

Do was one in Albergate-Ariet lately fermed, who braine to the tanerne after fuch a like order called for a pints of wine, the drawer brought it him, and a godlet with it, and let them both on the table, and went his ways willy, quoth this Falwaguell, what a godlet buth the fellow brought be bere, it will not halb halfs a braughte bo ho (quoth he) an attendance given here? He carry it to him my felfs, fince no body will come t for of all things I love not to drinks in these squareing cups, so botonethe flaires, forth of the bares he goas with the gubbet bater his cloaks, and least his mele acquaintance and small convenience to pay their pound so a that spearing flot.

South fainneguells were they, that matting a prentife, sohe had beine to receive a hundred pound for his matter, fahalpely in the midnet of Cheapsto in the day time, and

spen market flept to him, as if they had bin familiarly acquainted with him, and fodainly cast the hinder thirt of his cloake over his face, making as though they had lessed with him, and feming to thrust their cold hands in his necke, one of them thratted him to fore by the wind-pipe, that he could make no notife, but fodainly funke to the ground musted in his cloke, while the other took from him the bagge with the money which he had under his arme, which done, they rame away laughing, as if that the biede were done in lest.

Some after the market folks and people passing by to a fro perceiving the youth lie still on the ground and stirr by stepped to him, and sains in what state he was, rubbed and chased him, and gave him Aquavire, so that some after he came againe to himselse; then looking about him, s sains the people so gathered together, ha cried but o them, D, where's my money! They wondping to here him take of money, told him both how his companions less him, and they sound him, whereby the people knowing how he was decined, made after them, but they were never heard of till this day.

But these are Centiemen Betsowlers in comparison as the common rablement of Cutpurses and pickpockets, and no man that sees them but would imagine them to be Caualiers of very good soft. Parte there be a band of more newly mates, called Tenners, who tranelt all the years from faire to faire, and have great beings in Chekiminster ball. These are the Rips and followers of the first part of Conicatching entreateth, and these bane their clovers and followers, which are very transletome to them, sor they can no some value a bung but these come in so, their tentha, which they generally terms snapping of snappage.

Row if the Entpuris vente fanppage, his cloper of follower forthwith boyles him, that is, bewrayes him, of leaseth on his cloak, which the Atp bares not withflind, fo Richard Farric a notable Liftof Artic peres of age was

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ferued.

Arued, who being bogged as followed by a Clover called John Gibson, who having time him piece a hogher in the beginning of a faire, challenged bim for fnappage : twhich all Farrie bented, becaufe Gibions wife ( as be then favo ) inas a pickpocket, and pet would part with nothing. Then ata Gibson Sweare that he thould not buy one ventweath of mare that pay (which is the right entpurte phyale of get ting a purchafe ) andthereupon he Caboweb bim byand powne, and mare his market quite, as hee had before tona . The on a mind time to pade. And

promifed.

In revenue tobereaf the Cale Richard Farrie at Way. bill faire laft, bearing where Gibson bad purlopned a narfe with thirteene nobles in it.fent a lufte fellow of bis naofe flion, a young bealer in the arte of cloving og follow ing, named lames Roades, that was fince banged at Doz. chefter, who being apparelled like a ferningman, came to nemand his miffrelle purfe of Gibion, which he fait bee fain bien bulawfully take away, as if inbeb be bab bene the Gentlewomans man, that had the clette. Willich Gibfon at the first btterly benied, but afterward being further threatned with banger of his life, pelbed the purthale brito Roades, tobich was immediately thereb betinene him and old Farric.

This thing fone after came to Gibfons care. who was

throughly laughed to fcome for his labour.

many there be of thefe wicked perfons, and allo felod Officers, who like thatowes or clovers, bo nothing all day long but follow the Lifts by and botone, pinching them for fnappage : and not one of them that bath the right berteritie in bis fingers, but they know, and will conceale and patronize if me o require. Marie, if their be a houice, that bath not made himfelfe knowne to their congregation, bee thall fone be fmelt out, and have no ermiffion, brileffe be purchafe it by painy pilferie.

Thele Cutputes of Sturbridge fell their loggage commonly at a tolone salled Bottham, where they have

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their hall at an orde boufe, batosing e quaffing, and haue their trulles attendant open them as bifthe as may be.

How a Cheefemonger had his bag eurour of his Aprone hanging before him.

A this faire it iwas, though long fince, that the chiefemonger had his pocket and out of his appone, which
all the whole Colledge of Cutpurles had allayed, to hich
none but one could bring to palle, and he indeed was a
doctor in his arte: for going to the Chiefemongers bothe
to huy a chiefe, be gave himmoner for one of the greatell,
and defired him to cut it in pieces, and put it behind him in
the cape of his closhe. Do his fo, and the whilest he was
thinking it in, bee cut his pocket with twelve pounds
out of his oppose before him: for which view be tineth renotoned in the Cutpurles chronicles, kno for his lake they
yearely make a fealt, and brinks to the loute of his deceafeb carkalle.

There be diners losts of stips and stoples both of the sitie and countrie: the cannot one abjecthe other, but are at boadle batred, and will boyle and bile oner one another; by realon one is hindrance to the other. And these the former babes, have amitted. There are also lunday other. Laives, not beretators spaken of, namely lames Fosters. Laive, no lames fosters List: habith green thus.

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end tegit alt die fie denteede bep. 1813 2029 part est analazates liet tipe, nant ar filled aragend arfint exitere af the folial disputation derrineners stoop to have a letter brotten felbe ininen innether, fignifying that his duife fine and along lette mother know; and have bed are along that mother know; and have bed an elevated along that the have partied be have ged then be transled any langur with fine had once; But it it in half parts be bruitten in halfs, for his along father both carte

earie it, and be give alway firaight. All the tubile he is telving his tale, he cast a sering eye about the God, to seif there were even autoaks byon a by-settle, as any other hostic that he might transport buliens buder his obone cloaks. By chance he espied one, so he leaned against the wall where it lay, and with his hands behind him, he gathered it by cleanely by little and little: then sodainely starting by, said, ponder is my sather that would carie it, and 3 will run after him to call him agains. So out of the dozes ran he with all speed, having the cloaks buder his arms, crying, ho sather, stather, leaving the Seriuener yet a writing his letter; who miss not his cloake till agreat subile after, that he sawhim not returns agains.

There is a comminger kinde of Lift, when a Batfowler walking in an evening in the Arets, will faine be hathlet fall a ring of Jewell, and come to a thop well furnished with wares, and defire the paratife of the house to lend his candle to looks it: he suspected no guile, lends it him; and the Batfowler goes pairing up and downe by the dozes, as if he had less something indeed, by and by helets the candle fall to and it goes out. Pow I pay you god young man, saith he, do so much as light this candle againe: so goes the fellow in to light the candle, while he steales what he will out of the shop, and gets him going

while the light commeth.

There is a Lift called Will. Sc. Lift, whose manner is to go by and downe to Kaires in a ble to epat, sometimes in his dublet and hose, and sometimes in a cloake, which commonly be puts off when he comes thither a this fellow waiteth differently when any rich yeaman, Gentleman, or gentle woman goes into an Ameto lay by his cloake, capcase, sanegare, Portmanting or any other language, so following them, anarks to whom they are belivered: then comes he within halfs an houre after putting and blowing so the cloake, capcase, portmanting supply, or such like, and in his mailiers same vernandeth it, giving the mise, maid,

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maid, tapfier, boffler, or fome of the boufe two veure or a groute for laping it by. Which baning receined be is fone come and never returneth. This felleto will fometime frand bearebeabed and offer to bold a Centlemans firron. and bery diligently attend byon bim when hee alighteth at any great Inne, and feemeth fo ferniceable. as if bee inere an hoffler or chamberlaine belonging to the boufe : yea and fometimes follow bim out of Dages as his man. and attend boon bim to the faire berie orderly : within halfe an houre after, when beefees bis new mafter is fo buffe in the faire, that be cannot halfily returne to bis lobging before bim, be will come backe to the Innerunning, and tell them bis Wafter bath fent bim to them for his cloakebage or Dortmantua in all baffe: for be is boon paiment of money, and must needs have it. Eber thinking him perily to be the Gentlemans man, because at his comming he was to necessary about bim, they beliner buto him whatfoener the Gentleman left with them. Who not with francing when the true owner commeth, they are fains to answer it out of their owne purles.

#### A flie tricke of Cosonage lately done in Cheapeside.

Bellves this, there is a kind of Lift called Chopchain, as when a Gentleman like a batfowler hath hired a chain for a day or time byon his credit, or bath some of friends bound for the restoring of it againe, goes to So. Marrines, and buyes for a little money another copper chaine, as like it as may be: then comes hee to the Goldsmith, and byon the right chaine offers to borrow twentie pounds: the goldsmith toucheth it to see if it be counterfeit or no: then sinding it good, he tendereth him his money: which he whilest he is boing, and that both money and chaine lies yet byon the stall, what both me he, but sumbles and places with the linkes carelly, as if he minded another matter.

to by a fine tricke of Legerbemaine gathers it by into his band, and chops the copper chaine in place, leaving him that pawne to; his twenty pounds.

How a man was cofoned in the evening by buying a gilt spoone.

7 Wilest I was writing this. I was given to underfrand of another like exploit nothing inferiour to any of the former. A fellow like a clowne that knew all points in his tables, and bad beene mafter of his trade many weres together, walking through Silver-fret in London, Subbenty in the barke Spurned a faire gilt fomie (as it femed) being waapt by in a paper, which before be purpofely let fall : the people thinking fome other hap loft it, and that it had bene bis god lucke abone the reft to finde it, canto focke about him for to loke on it, and ab. miced his fortune in meeting with it. We counterfeiting the fimple foole as well as he conto: Bowa Gods will inhat thall I do with fuch a Bugawemould fome other bas die had found it for me, for 3 know not what it is god for. Wilby, faid one of the fanders by, will thou take money fezit. 3. quoth be, 3 mould 3 hab acrotone for it. And 3 will come Compbatnere pour faith the other for thou halt hane all the money in my purfe which is foure fhillings for faith be drew bis purfe, and gave bim the money. And bery well content with the bargain, be put it by and faid. I marry this money will one me more god then twentie fumnes, and let them keepe fuch toies that lift, for That rather have one groat in my purfe then a cart loade of fuch trumpery. So away be went laughing in bis fleue, to thinke how hee bad cofoned bim that thought to oner reach bime be that was fo cofoned as it were triumphing at his bargaine, could never loke enough on the foome. but went prefently and caried it to the Golofwith, to know what it was worth. Birlady fir when be came thither the frone

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spane sons fromb to be but bande faire gilbeb oner, and morth but seven pence at the modi, if he hould sell it, which was a heavy caling care to his heart, and made him sweare, that so that spanes sake he would never be in his

plate againe tobile belineb.

Thus every day they have new inventions for their billanies, and as often as fathions after, so often doe they after their Aratagems, sudying as much hold to compass a pose mone purse, as the Prince of Parima did to win a towne. Heither is this spone selling the gainefullest of their artes, although in meday they made away a dozen so. I but it is a tricke by the way to a supper or a breaker fall, which no man at the first can descry. Duerpassing this catalogue of Lists and Cutpurses, Gentlemen, I will acquaint you with a strange new douled arte of some carping, wherein is contained the right was of the chalke and the yoush, as also a necessarie caneat so, bismallers and nickpots, both to beware of such instinuating companions.

#### The Arte of carying flones.

reside that held appear Tart and foremeft you muft note, that leaving an Ale I wife in the lurch, is termed making ber carie flones, which fromes be those great Des in chalke that frant bebind the daze: the meight of enery one of which is to great. that as many fillings as there be, to many times the cries D, as groning buber the twaight thereof. Com fr. of thele Des twenty hillings make a tuft tonb, and ten pound a bargeful. But here lies the cunning, how to compalle an bonett Affe that will timbertake fuch a burthen: first this is a generall precept amongs them, that he must be some obse drumben companion that they beale boon, and his loife a goo wench, that to the may be fallen in with, and wipe all her quells tropes, if to be have no monie to discharge it a thing that many towner of thet kinds mill same!

will willingly bo to have fport and faue their boneffie. Det if this cannot conveniently be brought to vaffe, or that in refnent of her age the is not worth the taking by then will they be fure their godman boffe muft be a certaine kinde of bamb, or a receiver of cutpurfes, pickpockets, or fuch like wherby it fo fals out that if be and they favare about craimes, they may for his mouth with threatning to betray him to the Beable of Balbewell, or telling Hind of Remate what hofpitalitie be keepes. Bay further, they will observe if bee at any time raile against any senere Austice that bath the punishment of fuch notozious perfons and if be bo ( as in fome bounken burnour az other be will overthat himfelfe in that kinde ) then will thep conceale it never discover it but dominere over them, theoty the pots against the wall for be and his boufe is forfeit buto them. Againe, it may to happen that boftes mens may be an old ferningman, who bath belonged in his baies to fome famous reculant that buth long fince broke by boufe. and now being turned out of fernice, bee bath no trabe to line on, but muft marie a whore, and kepe biqualling et. ther in Wellminker, of in the Cuburbs of London. Aben cocke a bove-they are botter then ever they were. For if he be of the right flamp, be will be exclaiming against the fate, or those that kere bis maffer, or bee will enter into commendations of the old Religion : and this is the onely thing they befire, they never with a finer fellow to feed on. A Cobs name let bim fet fath bis befe and brewes, and trubge enery bay to the market to buy Capons e Habbets: for if they run never to much in his debt, if they tell him of a pursement, he will never threaten them with a fergeant. A number more of thele observations to appertaine to frome carping, as namely at their first comming to their lodge ing they be as free as an Emperour ; and brain all the acquaintance that they can procure to frend their money there before another place, to that the bolt and boffeffe map conceine great matter of hope of having their boufe cut formed

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stomed by their lying in it, and eat no meat, but have either the goodman of the godwife still with him at dinner of supper, which will plack the stones on his shoulders the safter, if so he suffer his guests to run on the score. And this in any case they set downe for a generall rule, that they lie not about two moneths in one place, for longer the alescore is not able to hold out, and the pope man overpressed so excessively, in a malecontent humour will rather grow desperate, and not care for any danger they can bring him to, then suffer more then such blowd can indure: or not rather have his will on them for bling him so badly.

Dow lay you my masters, you thinke there is no deceit in a pot of ale, and that there are no cosoners but Conicatchers, but that's not so, for London is a lickpeny, and every man bath not a mint in his pocket that lives in it, some must practise witcrast, that have not the gift in keeping alanes end with a sword and a buckler, or at the least are so crazed with the Italian bone-ache, that they are arraid to be crusht in peices, if they thould earne their living in a crowd. But to bee briefe, I will tell you a mery story how this name of Stone-carying first came by, and

thus it followeth.

#### How a Carier of Norwich was made to cary stones.

A Gentlewoman that made a their as if thee had beine A of good credit, came to the carier of populich, and told him the was to remove houthold, and went to dwell in the countrey, wherefore the craved his friendship in fafe transporting of her things to populich: a foit is (quoth the) that most of my substance consists in himmen, money, Jewels, and plate, which I put all together in a great chest, which the brought thither: As for other trash I enever trouble my selfewith removing. I pray you have a great care to it that it be safely laid in the middest of your cart, where theres

thenes may not eafily come at it, and that it be kept from raine or wet in any cafe, promifing to content bim for the cariage with more then ordinary due. After it mas fene to come to the hundred weight, be laid it by immepiately in his cart, no; would the depart till the fato it fafe packed. About an houre after the came to the carier again. telling him that the was afraid the thould be conftrained to have recourfe to ber cheft, by reason thee bad a fem trifles to buy ere the beparted, and that the wanted fome fine or fir pound. The Carier loth to buload for fo fmall a matter, bid ber take no care for money, for what the nesded the thould have of bim, till the came botune into the countrey. So fir pounds he lent ber:and downe with bim the goes with her man as brane as might be. But comming to Mindbam, thee gave bim the flip, and be fato ber no moze : Home went the Carier, and laid by the cheft bery fafe in his Hozeboufe baily looking when the Bentles moman would come for it. After a moneth was paft, and hearing no words of ber, fearing be was coloned, be fent for the Conftable and fundry other of his neighbours, and before them brake by the cheft, finding nothing in it but fmall foft freffone lapped in ftraip, mirt with Flints, and fuch like Auffe, being bery fpeciall things to give the Carier his loading. Alas, kind man, this was but beany ti-Dings for bim : for belides the money that be bad laid put of his purfe, bee loft the carriage of other luggame, which would bane returned bim greater profit. Det could not this noz ten times as much bodoe him, but fetting light of it, in a mery humour bee reported to fome of his friends the circumffance of all his carriage of ftones. And ener Ance the left bath beene taken by by odde companions and Ale-kniabts.

I would bee loth by this my publisht Discourre to corrupt the simple, or teach them knauery by my bok, that else would have beine honess, if they had nover seene them: for that were all one as if a Chirurgeon that teacheth men

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what the plague is, that they might efchelo it, fould bring bis patient, that bath a plagne fore, into the market place. and there lance it, whereby all men that loke on, in fred of learning to anoid it, fould be most bangerously infected with it. But my meaning in this is, but to chafe the game inhich others have rowfed ; and erecute them outright which Conicatching only bath brandes: and although I bo not fpend many leanes in inneighing againft the bices which I reckon by, or time and paper in brating their obipulnelle le far as 3 might : pet pou muft not thinke, but 3 bate them as beadly as any, and to make manifelt my bafred to them, bane undertoke this Treatife. But imagine the Reader to be of this wildome and diferetion, that heating fome laib open, be can bifcerne it to be fime, and can to beteft it, though be be not cloid with a common place of erhostation. And foth to fay, 3 thinke every man to bee of my minde, that when they le a fellow leave from the lub. feit be is handling, to billwave them by trate arguments from the thing they already beteff, they found thin it oner. and never ceabe it gainecope bim at the next turning point to bis tert.

To bismide this parenthes and returns to circa quod. I care not finte this occasion of Stone-carping hath brought me from talking of the tosenage of men to the treatherous subtiltie of women, it I repeate you a tale so two more of Crosbitings tately bone by such detestable.

Grumpets.

#### A Tale of a whore that crosbit a Gentleman of the Innes of Court.

A Certaine queane belonging to a close summery as bout Ctachemirell, lighting in the company of a rong Dunie of the Junes of Court, trained him home with her to her hospitall: and there communiting to; to much to give him his honferome all night. To bed they went together like

like man and wife. At midnight a crue of her copel. mates kept a knocking and builing at the Doze. She farting fobainly out of ber deepe, arofe and went to the winbow to lake out : wherewith the crying out to bim, faid. that a Juffice was at the bore with a company of billes. and came to fearch for a feminarie Brieft, and that there inas no remedie but the muft open buto them : wherefore either he muft rife and locke bimfelfe in a ftudie that was bard by, or they hould be both caried to Bribewell. The poze filly pouth in a trance, as one new fart out of flepe. and that knew not where bee was. fuffered ber to leade him inhither the would, who baffily thruft him into the froie and there locked him, and went to let them in. Then entred Sim, Swalhbuckler, Captaine Godiwounds, and Lawrence Longfword-man, with their appurtenances. made inquiry as if they had beine Officers inderb, for a young Seminary Brieft that Mould be lodged there that nitht. The fimpered it, and mabe curteffe. & fpake renerent= ly buto them, as if the had never fene them before and that they had beene fuch as they feemed, and told them the knew of none fuch, and that none lap there but ber felfe. With that through fignes that the made, they fpied where his clothes were fallen bowne betwene the cheff and the wall: Then they began to raile boon ber, and call ber a thoufand whozes, Caping they would make her an example, I marie mould they, and ble ber like an Infibell for her lying, nor would they Cand fearching any longer, but the thould be confirained to baing him forth : And that they might bee fure he flouid not fart, they mould cary away bis clothes mith them. As for the closet, because it was a Gentlemans out of the towne, they wonto not ralbay breake it oven, but they mould fet watch and ward about the boufe till the morning, by which time they would refolue further what to po. So out of Dages goe they with his clothes, boublet. hole, bat, rapier, banger, thoues, flockings, and twentic marks that be bab in his Akue, which he was towar buon

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a band the nert day for his father, to a merchant in Canning firet, and left Nicholas Nouice farming and quaking in that boghole. The morning grew on, and vet the pong Binihammer, though be was almost frozen to beath. fod fill and durft not firre, till at length the god wife of the house came and let him out, and babe him fift for him. felfe, for the house was so belaid, that it was not poffible for him to efcape, & that the was btterly bndone through his comming thither. After many woods it grew to this bythat, that be muft give ber a ring worth thirtie Willings. which he then had on his finger, onely to helpe him out at a backe boze, and in fo boing the would lend him a blanket to cast about bim. Which being performed, like an Brift begger bee departed on the backfide of the fields to his chamber, bowing never to pay lo dere for one nights lodging during his life.

How a Curbar was dreft with an vnsauourie perfume, and how a notable whore was crosbitten in her owne practife.

A potable whose of late daies compact with a boker. 13 whom Conicatching English cals Curbar, bargained with a countrey Centleman oz Tearmer afozefaid, to tell ber tales in her eare all night : & according to appointment he die fo. The Gentleman having funt, and readie to go to bed, the willed him to lay his clothes in the window, for (quoth the) we are fo troubled with rats in this place (which was in Beaticote lane ) that we cannot lav any thing out of our hands, but they will in one night be gnawne to pie ces, and made worth nothing : but ber intent was this. that the Curbar with his crome might the moze connent ently reach them; not that the cared to much for his apparell, as for his purfe, which the knew was well Rozed with crownes and lay in the flene of his doublet : inberempon he was ruled by her, and so entred the lifts. Within tipe houres

houres after, he being foze troubled with alafke, rofe bu and made a double ble of his chamberpot, iphich going to throw it out at the window, be remoued the clothes from before it, and fet it in the place till be had opened the cafe. ment. At that infant the fpzing of the window leapt open of the one accord. Wilbereat being amaged, be fept backe with a trice, leaving the chamberpot fanding fill : then fearing the dinell had beine at hand, by and by he fried a faire iron infrument like a nut came marching in at the window bery Colemnly, which in feb of the boublet and the bole that he ferretted foz, arreffed that homely feruice in the member beffell, and plukt andman Tozdan with all bis contents bowne pat byon the Curbars bead and foul. bers. Bener was gentle Angler fo bett : foz his face, his necke and apparell were all befmeared with the foft birreuerence, fo that I warrant you be funke worfe then a Jakes farmer. The Bentleman hearing one cry out. and fering his meffe altogether thus ffrongly taken away. began to gather conrage to him, and loked out to fee what it was : where, to his no (mall contentment be miabt behold the Curbar lying along almost brained, almost drows ned, and welnere polloned with the tragical event of the pispot: whereat be langhed merily, and suspecting his Leman to baue a thare in that confpiracie, and that for ten pounds it was ber motion to have him lay his clothes in the window, to the end bee might have loft them and his money : the being a flepe in the bed all this while, he quietly remoued his owne apparell, toke ber gowne and peticoat and laid them in the fred. Forthwith the Curbar reuis ued, in came the boke againe bery mannerly, and clapt hold on those parcels, which together went bowne with a witneffe. All which conforting to his with, he went round to bed, and in the morning fole away early, neither pays ing dame Lecherie foz ber bire, noz leaning ber one ragge to put on.

ipere was wille beguily rightly acted, a an aged Ram-

valien put beffbes ber fchole tricks. But finnly, thefe Crofbiters, are necessary instruments now and then to tame fuch wanten youths, as will not let a maid or a mife palle a long the firets but they will be medling with her: ubat they bo they learne of the tumbler, who lies fount in the brakes till the Conie be come forth out of her burrow. and gone a goffipping over the way to ber nert neighbors. e then be goes between ber and home, and as the returneth mith tivo or thre flethly minded Kabbets or foimmlers with them with whom it may be the bath mabe a bargain to age a bucking then outlies the tumbler like o crafbiter e feaseth on them all for his prep. 3 marnell that the book of Conicatching had not him by in his table, fince by bis firff erample be corrupted the Chriftian people. But pou will fav. he is animalirrationale, and therefore to be borne withall because he both but his kinde. Tinde me no kinde. there is more knauery in Cauilier Canis then you are amare of, as you thall perceive by his discourse following.

#### A notable scholerlike discourse vpon the nature of Dogges.

Die Gentlemen, will you gine me leane to ballie a little for your further recreation, e 3 will prove but o you that a dogge is a dangerous man, and not to be dealt withall: pea he is such a kinde of creature that he may well be maker and gonermour over all ordinary beafts: for first and formost, there is no man of experience that will demy but dogs do excell in butward sense, for they will smell better then we, and thereby hunt the game when they se it not. Besides, they get the sight of it better then wee, and are wonderfull quicke of hearing. But let be come to space, which is either inward or outward. Post that they have outward speech I make no question, although we cannot buderstand them, so, they barke as good ald Saron as map be; yea they have it in more daintic maner than see, so, they

have one kinde of boice in the chale, and another toben they are beaten, and another when they fight. That they have the inward frech of minde, which is chiefly connerfant in those things which agree with our nature, or are most againft it. in knowing those things which fand be most in freb. a attaining those vertues which belong to our proper life, and are molt convertant in our affections, thus 3 mone: first and formost be chofeth those things that are comodious buto bim & thunneth the contrary : De knoine eth inhat is good for his biet, and feketh about for it. At the fight of a whip be runneth away like a theffrom a bue and cry. Beither is be an ible fellow that lines like a trencher flie byon the fweat of other mens browes, but hath naturally a trade to get bis lining by, as namely the Art of bunting and Contcatching, which thefe late boks goa bont to difcredit. Dea, there be of them as of men of all occonations. Come Cariers, and they will fetch fome mater, men. e they will dine and fwim when you bid them : fome butchers, and they will kill thepe; fome cokes, and they turne the fuit. Reither are they boid of bertue, for if that be Auffice that gives every one bis Deferts, out of doubt dogs are not bestitute of it : for they fatone boon their familiar friends and acquaintance; they befend those from danger that have beferned well of them, and revenge them of francers, and fuch as either haue, or ad about to bo them iniurte. Then if they baue Inflice, they baue all the bertues, fince this is an Axioma in Philasophy, that one bertue cannot be feparateb from another.

Further, we let they are full of magnanimitis, in incountring their enemies. They are wife, as Homer witenesseth, who intreating of the returns of Vlysses to his owne house, affirmeth that all his houshold had so gotten him but his dogge Argus, and him neither could Palles by her subtile Art deceive in the alteration of his body, not his twentie yeares absence, in his beggers words delude as no whit, but he still retained his some in his santage, which

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as it appeared was better then any mans of that time.

According to Chrylippus, they are not ignorant of that ercellent facultie of Louicke, for be faith that a Donge by canualing and frupy both obtains the knowledge to biffinquift betweene the feuerall things, as for example. where the waves met, and of thefe the hath flaid at two of them, by which be perceineth the game bath not gone, prefently without more adde bee runneth violently on the third may : which both arque ( faith Chrylippus ) as if he foodlo reason thus. Cither bee went this way, or that way, or wonder way : but neither that way, nor vonder may, therefore this way. Againe, when they are ficke, they know what difeafe they have, and denife bow they may eafe themfelues of their artefe if one Brike them into the fleft with a fake, this policy they ble to get it out. They traile one of their fet boon the around, and anato the fielh where the wound is round about with their teth. tentill they have brawne it cleane out. If they chance to bane any bicer, because bicers kept foule are hardly cured, they licke the fore with their tongues, and kepe it cleane. And wonderfull well doe they obserue the precept of Hippocrares that the onely medicine for the fot is to reft, for if they have any burt in their fet, they beare them by, and as much as lies in them, take care they be not firred : when unprofitable homours trouble them, they eat an hearb, whereby they bonnite by all that is offen. fige bate them, am fo reconer their bealth againe. Boto thinke you my mafters, are thefe bureafonable creatures. that have all this naturall reason in them ? Do, though they are bealts, pet they are not as other are, inhumano: for they have more humanitie then any other bealts whatfoener. But of them I have fait enough, e therefoze I will proceed to my former argument : wherein for pour better belight I will arquaint pon with a true forte lately performed in Poules Church by a couple of Cutpurfes. The matter was of fuch truth, as 3 conto for met fet boime

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the Gentlemans name, and also the names of all the anoss therein, but I craus pardon, because the Gentleman was of good place and credit, and so, more assurance my selfe was present: the whole matter fell out as falloweth.

How a Countrey Gentleman walking in Poules had his purse cut by a new kind of conveyance, and in the end by the like wille beguily got it againe.

Countrey Centleman of fome credit walking in Poules, as tearmers are wont that wait on their lain. vers, was fene by a couple of light fingred companions. that had got fome gentlemanthin boon them by printe biting in b barke, to baue fome Roze of crownes in bis purfe coatht in a faire trunke flow, like a boulting butth. Alas they were mostall, and could not chafe but bee tempted with fo glorious an obiect. For what may not gold bos with him that bath neither money noz credit : Wa berefoze in bery seale of a bad fpirit, they confrired boto to make a breach in his pocket, and poffeffe themletues of their prep. In the end it was concluded ( as nece fitte is wener with. out fratagems) that the one thould go behind him while the other gave the froke that foolb Dinibe life and foule. As they betermined, fo they brought it to pafe, for the god of fellow walking bery foberly in one of the fide 3les, benifing lobere to dine to fave the odde that wence, fodainly one of them frent behinde him and clapt his hands bo fore his eves faving : With am 3 ? Witho am 3 ? tobile the other caue the surfe the centle terke, and bequiled bis purfe of the gilt : which done, bee went fneaking away like a bog that had wearied a thep. The god mindes Gentlema that was thus muffled, thinking that it bad bin one of his acquaintance, that plaid be pape with him after that fort, cried to him, Row for the pattion of Bab, who are von! who are you! Well me I pray you who are you! for

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a chall never reckon while 3 time. D, quoth the Canallero Cutpurfe, pon fall know by and by, and therewith pluce king away his bands, loked him full in the face e laugh ed, but by and by farting affde, as if be bad committed an errour. Bod fozaine me (quoth he ) what baue I bone. I cry von beartily mercie, 3 haue miftaken pon for my acanaintance, one that is folike you, as one weate is like a nother : and therefore I way you parbon me. Do barme Done, no barme done, quoth the Gentleman, and fo thev neparted. Sinioz who was to biuide the botie where his companion attended him, and my neighbour Mumplimas to twrannize on Buls publing-pies for bis fir pence : theat tale to make, his hungry bodie being refreshed, and ene roone fatified, there entred in a bumbe theto the recko. ming with a cleane trencher in his hand bery orderly, as who thould fay, Lay your band on the boke. On him attended a well fed Mapiter in a fhining fute of well tiquo. red fuftian, whereon was engranen the triumphs of many full platter. with his appon on his thoulder, and his knife bnder his girdle. At which fight every man began to beatv. and my boneft penifather though to droppe teffers with the reft : but woe alas, his breches were like the bottom; leffe pit of hell, for there was not one croffe to be found. Then began be to fume and chafe, and run by and downe like a mad man, faying, Well a day pener 3 was borne ! Wilho am 1 : who am 3 : Wilhereat the reft of the Gentle. men wonding, be by and told them the whole frage of his miffortune as is afore recited. And faid now I know who it was that faid inho um I who am I for in troth be was a cutpurfe. But here oto be not ceafe og fpend much time in finging a De profundu ouer his emptie pocket, where was nought elfe but Lent and befolation, but iumbled his braines together like flones in a bladder and toft over his thoughts as a Mailer both his threds when be bath loft bis nedle to finde out fome meanes to fetch home bis frained parte, and to be enen with those bindermining Bioners.

In the end his villoto and prefent powertie put this; policie into his bead. The next day early in the morn no hie me nt into Poules in the fame apparell, and walking inff in the fame place where he loft the maine thance the pay before, having bought hint a fairs new purfe with white frings and great tallels, and filled the fame with braffe counters, and thruff it into the flow of his bofe, as be was mont, letting the Arings thereof hang out for a traine. Well foit fell out, that be hav fcarce fetcht theé turnes. but a poze tooman that hab the haking ague in her head came to afke his charitie : be glad of any occasion to boast his counterfeit wealth, to entrap the eves of those bungry efpials, gave ber a peny, and therewith ozew forth a num, ber of counters, making thein as if they bab beine french grownes : inhich was prefently perceined by Timothy touch and rake, that had beine in the action the Day before. who fitting boder a piller leaning like one thirt fleping & making, fell into a great longing, boin be might have that nurfe alfo to beare the other companie. Still the old Sombae went plodding in one path : and euer loked under his ouerhanged moffic eve-browes, to fe who came nere him, or once offer to juffle him. We had befide at either end of the 3le one of his men to watch, for feare any more, who am I-fhould come behind him. At laft out ffens my nimble . knaue and running ballily by him like fome prentife, that had bone fent of an errand, he fliced it fmothly away, fo as the gentleman neuer perceived it. But one of his men who had his fenfes both of feing and feling better then his mafter, marked when be gaue bim the gentle glake, and whither he went when hee bad obtained his botie : whereuvon bogging him to a Cokes thoppe, in Thames Aret; to which place allo the Bentlema followed alofe off. De there laid hands on him and challenged him for a Entpurfe, faying, be had fane him dee fuch a thing in Poules, e told him alfo from whom be tookeit. De fwoze and fa red, and frod at better defiance with him. And the better to outface

outface the matter, bis partner, who being then lotaed in the fame boule, came botone and felt in tearmes of boing the Gentleman woong, and that he thould anfwer bim, 02 any man elfe. and (quoth he) if thou wert well ferned thou fouldeft be fabe for offering to diferedit him thus at his lodging. Weane while that thele matters were thus bifputing, and the poze ferningmans beath with many pathes bolued, in came his maffer, who fpping, Wibo am 3: to frand boon his pantofies to szondly, fraight toke him affice, and told him a tale in his care, that bid him [mall god at the heart, and faid flatly be was the man, and no other whom he fought for, and either he would have re-Aitution for his purfe at his hands, or they would trie a conclution at Tybome. At which fpech their courage was formelwhat abated : and in the end it fo fell out, to auoid further trouble they reffozed him both the purfes with quietneffe, and made bim a fufficient recompence for the trefpage. Thus at that time they escaped, and all parties were pleased : but thostly after they were taken for fuch an other fact, for twhich they were both condemned and crecuted at Toborne.

Now Gentlemen, have you not heard a pretie pranke of Willie beguily, where the cunning Cutpurle was pinched in his owne practice of fure I thinke never was pore pip so mipt before. Wherefore I wish all those that are of that facultie to be carefull of the right pip, who if he bee never so cuming in his Art, yet at one time or other hee map hap to meet with Bul, and his Aurdie Jade, on whom if he chance to ride with his necke snarled in an hempen halter, hee is like to receive so sharp a nip, that it will so

euermoze marre bis brinking place.

A notable exploit performed by a Lift.

There was not long fince one of our former profestion, having intelligence of a Citizen that inuited three

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or foure of his friends to dinner, came a little before bin ner time, and marked when the quelle were all come : when they were all come, as he thought, knowing the amb. man of the houle fafe (fo) be was not vet come from the er. change) fleus by the flavzes boldly, and comes into the rome where the quells were: when he comes in be falutes them, and afkes if his cofen were not pet come from the Erchange. They tolo him no. Ro (faith be) me thinks be is pervious, it is past twelve of the clocke. Then after a turne or two. In faith Gentlemen ( quoth my new come quest ) it were good to boe something whereat we may be mery against my colen comes home, and to that intent I will take this balt and bide it, that when bee milleth it. me thall fee what he will fay to my cofen his wife : fo hee tooke the Balt, and put it in his pocket, and walken a turne or two more about the come within a while when & other quefts were bulle in talk be fteps bowne the frances faining to make water , but when he was downe, he tur. ned downe Thenes allie and never returned againe. The Citizen when he came bome bib bis friends welcome, and anon he mift the Salt that thould be fet on the table, called his mife to know if there were never a walt in the house : Dis wife buffe about binner, toke ber bufband bu. as momen at fuch times will bo, when they are a little trous bled (for a little thing troubles them God wot ) and afken him if he had no eves in his head. Qo not von wife ( quoth hee ) if von fay there be any now : So there paft many threfud and bot words bettoene them. At length the queffs buinilling they thould difagre on fo small a trifle. they by and told how one came in and afked for his cofen. and toke away the Salt, meaning to make a little mirth at dinner. But when thep faw he returned no moze, thep contented themselves with patience, and ment to binner. as men at fuch times ble to bo, with heany hearts and cold flomackes.

# Greenes Ghost

Bere are a certaine band of Kaggamuffin Wentiles about the towne, that will abuse any buon the smalleft occasion that is, and fuch men ( whom they never came to the credit in all their lines to make cleane their fimes ) thefe dare neuer met a man in the face to anouch their rogarie, but for foth they muft have the bely of fome other their complices. Of this bale fort you that commone ly finde them at Wlayboufes on boly dayes, and there they will be playing their parts, or at fome rout, as the pulling powne of Baudichoules, or at fome good exploit or other, fo that if you ned belp, or you thinke your felfe not able to make your part god with any that you owen grubge to, no more but repaire to one of thefe, and for a kanne of Ale they will bo as much as another for a crowne : e thefe make no more confcience to beat or lame one, tobom they never before fain nor knew, then the knights of the poals when they are fed out of Poules to fineare faifly.

There are another fort of Brentifes, that when they fe a Gentlemoman or a countriman minded to buy any thing, they will fatone boon them with their cap in hand. with what lacke you Gentlewoman & what lacke you Countriman ! Sie what pou lacke. The Bentlewoman veruling divers commodities, findeth nothing that perbaps likes her: then going away, they come off with their ouerwome framps. Will von buy nothing Gentlewoman . Its no maruell you fould fe fuch choice of and ware. Then they begin to discommend ber person to their nert neighbors, as god as themfelnes, and at nert word. Send a fine bogge after ber. Thefe may be likened to currich Spaniels, that when a man comes into the boufe mill fatone boon bing, but before he goes forth, if he take not bed, will catch bim by the thinnes. But if they met with a countreyman, be is the fittelt manin the world to beale boon. They will aske him inft twife fo much as the ware is worth. The plaine fimple man offers within a bery little of his vice, as they ble in the countrey: which the

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the Appentise takes, and sweares it was not his for that money, and so makes the poze man a right Conie. I thinke few in the Creyange will account this for a Contratching tricke. But if the Countriman leanes them and goes his way without buying any thing, either for that heelikes not the ware, or that it is of tw high a price: then will they come off with, Do you heare countriman, will you give me thus much, and leane your blew coat in pawne for the reft end they will bio him fell his sword and buy a paire of thoses e or such like scotting girds, that the poze man sometimes could find in his heart to give all the money in his purse, that he had them in sinsburie slelvs that he singly renenge himselfe on them for abusing him: a bery great abuse to their matters and chapmen.

Mo this locietie may be complete also another traternity, wiz. Water-rats, Watermen I meane, that will be readic e very diligent so any man, will they can get them to their boates, but when they come to land to pay their fare, if you pay them not to their owne contentments, you shall be sure of some gird or other, yea and perhaps if they know they have an Asse to beale with, stop his hat or his cloake, till be have paled them what they list, but these are most commonly servants and Apprentises: so, the order is, that so, every twelve pence they earne their masser allowes them two pence, so then the more they get, whether by books or croke, the more they thinke their gain comes in. But this sort now and then met with their mates, who in sied of a penny more in sluer, send them to the Chirurgians with two pence would be sortow.

But what not I to spend time in deciphering these common companions? These sets I have particularly named, but thinke you there are no more of this kind? But I let pass Carmen and Dreymen, as very knaues as the rest, because these are better knowne then I can set them sorth; I meane not at this time, nor in this Treatise to set sorth the guiles and versits accustomed in all trades and ing-

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Teries from the chiefelt trade to the balett, but will content my felfe for this time, with that that bath beine alreaby hilated, intending in some other Treatife, at one time ar other to relate in briefe what bath beine at large to long put in practice.

In the meane time, curteous Citizens, let me erhort you to become god eraples to your families: for as the mafier is fo commonly is the fernant, as witnesse the old ber-

les in the Shepherds Calender in September :

Sike as the Sheppards ; fike beene her fheepe.

And be fure, if the fernant fe the given to fpending, and buchaft lining, there lake the fernant, when then thinked be is about the bufineffe, not onely frends his time bainly. but that money. which by the care in flaving at home thou mighteft have faued. Duchiolly fhaners, that are bene fafters of other mens bibes, bane 3 knowns ( moze is the pittie) to fit by all night, fome at Carbs and Dice. Come quafting and Civilling at the Lauerne, and others among their trulles, frenting in one night fome thentie Millings, and thirtie Millings often : Come againe that can maintaine to themselnes a wench all the yeare, and then they mult filtch and purloine whole peces offuffe for their gownes and peticoats, befides great floze of money: But thefe are fuch that can with a wet finger, and by reafon of abundance of ware purloine their Bafters ambs. e not easily be efpied. But be fure at one time or other fuch billains wil come forth: for the patgoes fo oft to the mater. that at laft it comes home crackt. And take this for a principle & generall rule, that whofoener be bethat gines bimfelfe to this bammable finne of luft, let bim be affured, as fure as he had it alreadie, that a great ounifement hand geth ouer his head. Therefore it behoves the mafter to be wife in governing his fernants, that they may bee as markes for their fernants to thote at. to fe bom their ferwants be abbiced and given, and not to be fteme and fe-

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uere taleachs them, but rather kiepe them in, that they wander not abrand more then necessitie farceth, remembring that rule that Ouid gineth,

Parce puer fimulis & fortins veere loris,

Sopare the tohip, reine them have : for fuch as are growns to yeares will hardly endure blates, wherefore the rejning them from their defires is the next way in my mind to bring them togod.

Ent here is the griefe, that those that thould give light are barke, those that thould be guibes have not to be tead; those that thould infirm to sobjectie, are inducers to bank

tie, according to thole berles in maie,

Those faitors littell regarden their charge, While they letting their sheep runne at large, Passentheir time that should be sparely spent, In lustinesse and wanton meriment.

Thilke same be Sheppards for the diuels steed, That playen, &c.

Againe, what confrience they ble in bargaining and felting, witness the whole world, accepting to Diggon in Septemb.

They ferren to sale their shops of shame,
And maken a marker of their good name.
The sheppards there robben one another,
And layer baires to beguilde her brother.

Ship seame:

Or they beene falle or full of conetife,
And eaften to compaffe many wrong emprife.

In fine, to conclude with that which we have in long flood byon, namely with bucleanene fle, both hard it is fast men to be reclaimed from it 1 and up it is perticious to

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all generally, so particularly to young men that have newly the set by so, themselves, and have as it were newly entred into the world, some may they call alway themselves, except they looke the better about them: but most odious so, such that have wines, with whom they may solace themselves. Pitte it is that such cannot be noted about the rest, it she was an inardinate link. And now it comes into my minde, I will impart with a tricke served boom a maried man, and a tradesmandy a good wench, as they call them, reported and heard from her owne mouth not long since. The parties names I will concease, because some of them are of some credit, although somewhat ble-missed by this starre; and it was on this manner.

# How a Citizen was ferued by a Curtizan.

There was one Mounfieur Libidinofo twelling at the ficme of Incontinencie, bauing call by bis accounts for the meke paft (for it was Saturday night ) after funper refolued with bimfelfete walke, which way be cared not, but as bis fafe fell fo would be mend : by chance it fell Wellward, and Wellward be went, butill be came to Whitefriers. Willem be came thither be bethoughthim. felfe, and helo it abes of charitie to le Come of his oldar audintance, whom be bad not hillted a long time before ? But they according to the ancient cultome were remoned, for they be not to flap tong in a place. De bearing that made no more and but fell about with one that came next to band, as goo as the bell, one that had ben tried, and fuch a one as would not thrinke at a thomer : little intreatie ferues, and by they goe. Withen after their beattly (post and pleasure Mounstein hibidy boat of luft was Comewhat allwaged and ready torgoe, feiling bis pocket for a penerall remoneration finds nothing but a Tefter, by at leaft (a little, that it was not fufficient to plante dante pleasure facher hier ipepotettet and botos

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ed be bad no more about him now : for (fate be) toben 3 came forth 3 never thought what money 3 had about me .. By Labie would not beiene Monf. Libid, agreat while. but fearched and faled for more coine, but at that time? the was fruftrate of her expectation : the feina no reme : Die. fet as god a countenance on the matter as the conlo, and told bim the would be contented for that time, boping hee moule bee mote beneficiall to her bereafter. They mere both contented: where no foner bee is gone bowne the flaires, but the whips off ber gowne, and puts on a white walkcoat with a trice, and fo boas M. Libid, home to his boute, and taking a perfect bieto of his house and figne, returnes backe againe. Dri Donday mozning thre came to bis house bery orberty in her gowine with ber hand. balket in ber band, where the found Moof Libid, and his wife in the thep : when the came in the called for this fort and that fort of lace, butill the had called for as much mare as come to twentie hillings twhen thee was ready to ape. the whilpered my Gentleman in the eare, and afked bim. If be remembred bim bow fleightly fuch a time be rewar-Ded ber kindneffe, but now I am fatiffied foz this time. Monf. Libid. was in a wonderfull Greight, and gage ber not a moro for awantwer, fearing his wife found know any thing. Dis wife noting her whileering in ber butbands eare, and fæing no money paid, afked ber hufband when the was cone, who the was. Dee bery fmothly told ber the was a bery honest outters wife; and that be knew ber a long time to be a good paimaffer. This anfiver contented his wife. : but full well 3 know be was not contented in his minde all the bavafter.

See here how a man may bee bnawares vuertaken by these filthy Pitchbarrels. Then let this example teach thee to forgoe their allurements, lest thou in time be decreased with the like blot, or overplunged in a deper bog:

Remember,

Fælix quem faciunt aliena pericula cantum.

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For these night birds not builine the Syrens, the more you frequent them, the more you hall be intangled, accarding to these verses, Diggers of Sopra

For they beene like foule wagmoires onergraft,
That if thy gallage once flicketh faft,
The more to winde it out thou doeft swincke,
Thou mought ay deeper and deeper sincke.
Yet better leane of with little losse,
Then by much wreftling to leefe the groffe.

These may be motines to all to anoth such insections plague-lozes: but both bard it is to get by a tyred sade when he is bothne, especially in the birt, enery man knowes, and men will have their things be all what they can, according to These in Februarie.

Must not the world wend in his common course,
From good to bad; and from bad to worse;
From worse vato that is worst of all,
And then returne to his former fall.

But for my part I am refolueb and with all men of the like mind, flicking my flaffe by Peirfe in Maie.

Sheppard, I lift no accordance make
With Sheppard that does the right way forfake,
And of the twaine if thoise were to me
Had leuer my foethen my friend to be.

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# THE NOTABLE, SLIE, and Deceitfull Prankes of Doctor Pinchback.



Antable fellow of this trade well firicben in yeres, one that was free of the Hitmogers, transled with his boy into Porkshire. And having no money in his purfe, nor other meanes to relieve himfelfe but plaine chifting, grew into beter despaire of his estate, by reason he had

boone all cofenages theed bare, & made the betermoft of his wit that was possible. Witherefoze complaining bimfelfe to bis truffie page, that has beine partner with him both in weale and wor, and whom bee had brought bu in bis occupation, and taught to be as fubtill as bimfelfe: but Paifter ( quoth be ) take no care, for when all is gone and nothing left, well fare the Dagger with the bubae. on haft. I am young and have crochets in my head : 3 warrant you, tobile I traite my fine fenfes we will not beage. Goe you and take by your lobging in the faireft June in the towne, and call in halily, fparing for no coff. and let me alone to pay for all. With this resolution thep went into Dozke titte, where feing a beryfaire Zamern, readle to out face them according to the boyes advice, they put into it, e called for a rome, and none might content them but the beft chamber in the boufe. Then Jacke of the clocke boufe furmioned the Chamberlaine before bim,

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bim, and toke an inventory what extraordinary monifien of binuals they had for binner, telling them his malter was no common man, nor mould bee bee pleafed with any große kinde of fare. The Laufter. inho hoping of gaine, feemed bery ferniceable, and told him hee Gorld want nothing. And although they had at that time fundale francers, by reason of the chiefe Justices of the thire fate there the fame day about a Commiffien. vet promifed to give what attenbance bee might. Thus Did the Crack-rope triumph, and walking in the vara while binner was preparing, bammered in his bead, e caff. an eye about the boule to lee if any occasion were offeren for him to morke buon. At laft going by a paire of flavies, hee fried in a faire great Chamber where the Commiffioners fate, a fibe fettle, whereon good ffore of plate flood. Dea, thought berand it fhall noe bard but ale make by my market. So into the chamber clotely bes flept, not being perceiped by any man, conertly congoblets and went immediately on the backfine of the boufe, where furing an ald well, bee flung the fame, and ment his way up to his mafter, to whom hee discovered what bee had done, intreating him the better to furnish out the Bagrant, to change his name, and call himfelfe Dottoz Pinchbacke,

This done be went before into the kitchin to fee if dimper increaseadie: twhere the goodman of the house began to question with him what his Paster was, and who they called him. Dir, quoth he, Doctor Pinchbacke, What is he a Doctor of Phylicke quoth the bosse? We marke, quath the hoy, and a special good one. Which that answer her ceased questioning any surface, but sent by meat to his dinner, and went by himselfe to his him become.

Dinner being done and the other gueffs readie to rife, the Gobiet fodainly was milled, and great inquire KALINE NEW TOTAL STREET

made for it, but at no hand it would bee found: all the fernants were examined, the house was thoroughtie fearched, none of the Gentlemen han it. Whis new found Doctor sware her saw it not, the boy denied it also, yet Will the goodman and the goodwise kept a great Airre for it, and were ready to were for were amper that they should keepe such knaues about them as had no more care, but cetchesty let a cuppe of nine pounds bee stollen, and no man knew swhich way. Then the Poste made great offers to have it againe, which the boy hearing, said, if they could intreate his Spaister to take the paines, he could cast a sigure, and fetch it againe with heave and ho. But not a word (quoth he) that I told you so.

The good man bearing that, canne bu in all baffe. befonaht Baiffer Doctos for the maftion of God to ffand bis friend, or elle be was bnome. So it is, quoth be, that I boberfland of your great learning and knowledge. and that by a speciall gift in Aftronomie that God be ainen, you can tell of maruellous matters and beine agains to things that are loft. I may you as ever you came of a woman thefu mes a little feate about my cume: and though I have but (mall flore of money, pet will 3 beffoto forty fillings on you for your labour. Wais fer Doctor at the first mabs frange of the matter. and feemed bery lath to beate in it, by reafon of the baunger of the law ; pet for that he farme to be an boneff man, and it grieved bim that any fuch thing thould bapren mbileft bee was in bis boufe, bee month Braine a little with his cunning to relave him in the bell faste, not fo much for his money as for his friend. thip, and flwage be would not one it for any other fat a bundeb pounds, therefore bee beffreb bim to leave bim to bimfelfe, and to take other that no man came to trouble bim for fome the boures (pace, and be thould fa tobather mould doe for bim.

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Line benres bei Angen alone by hintelfe toffing bim by a gob fice till be ftbeat againe, then painting his face with a vestile colour, which her caried al-mains about with him for lack a purpole, and then calling up the Polls, told him that he had laboured fore for him, and almost intempered himfelfe in onbertaking the action, get by good fortune bes bab finithed his bulinelle, and found where the cuppe was. Prais you not a well ( quety be ) on the backe fibe of your houle that Eands thus, and thus, for mine owne part I was nover there (that I can tell of ) to fat. Pes that I bane, faib the Dafte. Well ( faib Pafter Dostor ) in the bottome of that well to your cappe : wherefare goe fearch prefently, and you thall finde my words true. The gooman with all ervesition bis as bee willed bine, and bette the well bile : at laft be fpies bis Sublet where it lay. It was no now to bid him take it by les in his awas perfen he went wiwee in the bitchet rate full lightly to matter Detter Pinchbackes chamber por traingen and cartes him forty thillings, offer ring him before is monethis boot in regultall of his grest curtoffe. Ebis counterfeit forfally would feine to refute nothing, but there lay and for open the Roche, tolles my goodnum bolle all inclying but fill the country with this praise.

pat many vales paled but a Centlement of good erevite values thither by the addition report, came to will him, who deflects to make thall of his canning, her craace to know of him ( his wife then being hig with childe ) aphetheric was man thilde by a woman childe he recent withall e he and vocate, he could fay little thereto except he

# haunting Conicatehers.

Witherefore he perfumbed his wife to disclose her folle to him, and to bispense with a little inconnecience, so they may be resolved of farare a secret. But this was Bodes Pinchbackes brift, be thought to have Biffes the Centleman of by his extraordinary imposition, thinking he would rather have fuereafet his fute, then any may have fuffered bim to fe bis wife ankeb. An conclus. on, a chamber was prepared warme and close, in which the freived ber felfe, and twife walked by and botone the chamber naked in the prefence of 9. Dago; and her buf. band, foho demandes D. Doctors aufiber tohis former aneftion, which was as followeth : Queth ber from me ward it is a boy, and to me ward it is a girle : other an. Ther they could get none of bim. Wiberefoze the Gentleeman was areatly offended against bim, calling bim Alle. Dolt, Watch Cockefcombe Benone and allthe bafe names be could benife. But a way went maffer Donos as failfull in those cases as a blinde man when he thro weth his Raffe: and burft not answer the Contleman one word. And the Wentleman greatly reventeb him that he bab bene fofe life to thew his wife in that lost before la fottife a companion.

About source bayes after the Gentlewoman sell in labour, and was belinered of a boy and a girle: tohereat
the Gentleman remembring the blant answer of the Poacc, and sinding it to be true, mas greatly aftenified,
supposing inded be had mightily wranged the Doned:
to whom he went immediately craning pardon so; his so;
mer folly, he wing himselfs very sorotofull so, his fault,
and offered him in recompense of amends all the sanour
be might possibly doe bim, granting him his house at commanhement, and his boyd so; so long time as he would
continue with him. Whereupon in signs of love and and
the hes went and sofourned at the Gentlemans house:
Whereupon the Dones crout Ail more and more began
to inscease, so that all the country round about tall the

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#### Greenes Gholf

timal tales of the great cumning of Doutes Pinchbecke, to

It fortuned foone after there was a Faire niere to the Gentlemans houle, where the people divertly talhed of the Bodops faill and cuming, and that he could has any thing, or tell any thing that was bone in any place. Sav ( quoth a plaine Countriman ) 3 will benture twenty sobles that he thall not doe it. I will me felfe an perfonally to him, and holo fomething in my band. mo if he tell me what it is 3 will lofe my money. I take you, faib one or the, and the loager being laie, away they went towards the Gentlemans houle: and palling thozoft medow the man toke by a Grahopper out of the graffe. and put it into bis band, fo clofe that no man might perceine it. Then forward they went, and met with Maffer Dogo: and they befireb him to fatiffe them of that fecret which was boon his credit, to tell them what one of the company beld in bis band. Wibereunto the Dogos inas loth to antweer, confidering bee bar no fuch thill as pennie banted abzoabe : neuertheleffe bee caft in bis minbe. how be might excuse the matter by fome pretty fleiabt. if bee thouth queffe amiffe, and therefore concluded in this teff: bee called to minde that his owne name was Gra-Shopper, andif (quoth be) 3 take bim by the band, 3 may fav be bath a grafbopper in bis band, and vet 3 may infly befend it for a truth. Wiberenpon the Doctor tas king him by the band, faib be had a Grathopper in his band : which being opened was found true. Wilbereat the Countrimen wondzed and went their waves. Dome fait hee was but a coloning kname : others reported what monders bee could performe : Some fait be could moe round about the world in a moment, and that he walked enery night in the aire with fpirits : fome favo be bad a familiar : thus the people gane their cenfure ; Come tiking. and others militing him. And in a toogo, to many men, fo many mindes, but the areater part of the countrey abmi-

# Baunting Contrateners.

red his depe knowledge, and published his excellent lear-ning, to that he became famous surongst the people, and the Gentleman not a little prout of fo worthy aqueft : in to much that having one onely baughter whom he loued moff entirely, and as parents moff beffre their children thould match themselves with such, by whom they have preferment would come, on a day brake his minbe to the Wortor in his baughters behalfe, affuring bim bes thould not onely finde ber a dutifull and louing wife, but would giue bim foure bundzed vounds, and make bim affurance of all bis land, which was worth (favo hee) better then two bunbzedmarkes a yeare after bis beceafe. if fo it would pleafe bis worthin to accept bis hinde offerinhich bee affureb bim proceebed of mere loue. The Do: ronr a while covlie refuled the Gentlemans offer, but br. ing earneffly entreated of the Gentleman anfwered him to this effect.

Sir, fo; your great friendship hitherto and bor presend kindnesse, at this time I cannot but confesse mp selfe much indebted to you: and because you are so importunate with me to marry your daughter (although I protest it is not for my prosit) I doe willingly take her to my wise: for I have (saith he) resuled many saire and personable Gentlewomen in mine owne countrey with large downies: but to make you part of amends for your undescrued kindnesse, I here am content to yell to your request. The Gentleman humbly thanked him, and prolonged not the time I warrant you, but with great excedition hasted the mariage day: where with great feasing and toy with his striends they passed that day with much pleasure and musicke.

The Doctor about a moneth after destred the Gentleman for his wives portion, tohich the Gentleman willingly paid him. When two or three dayes were passed he told the Gentleman he would goe into his

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#### Greener Chois William P. Some North

sions country to lá his friends, and withall prepare and make reasy his house, (which has let furth to farms) for his left to inhabite, and that he mould come agains behing all things were ready and fetch his totle. The Gontleman was bery building to leave the Docore companie; but láing the Docore lo importunate, at last yelves, and le lent the Docore and his boy two of his best gelvings: who as lone as they were on boylebacke, never minding to returns agains, take their courney into Donordpire, and there to long as his foure hundred pounds lasted, make merry with their companions, till at last having spent all, began to rema his olderade, and after being taken in came pany with some suspended, and by the Law (as I heard) was condemned to be hanged so, a murcheror.

Diens although peraduenture he was not quilty of the murther, pet it was a inti punifiment for his billanie be-

fare pracifed.

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The Contiemen after a quarter of a peace mas path, began to lube for the Doctors comming home agains, but in bains, so be pathed a twelvementh, expecting his somic in latives returns: at last as hap was one of the Contiemans acquaintance having beins at his home, and seining the Doctor there. Hought word home to the Contieman that he saw the Bonor for certains executed at Except in Dononthire, some murder. In what a melancholy humans the Contiemen was in, and what griefs and sorrow the Contiemen was in, and what griefs and sorrow the Contiemen was in, and what griefs and sorrow

heavy tidings, I refer it to the Meader, and none but those that have taken of those griefes doe sufficiently know.

FINIS.